

09/727757

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image reading apparatus includes a reading
part reading original, a time measuring part being able
to measure different times selectively, and a defining
5 part determining separation of sheets of the original
read by the reading part. The time measuring part
selects a time to be measured according to a
predetermined condition, and the defining part
determines the separation of sheets of the original when
10 the selected time has elapsed without an operation
concerning a subsequent reading operation being
performed after a reading operation of the reading part
is stopped.